

In Touch

**April
2018**

REJOICE!
CHRIST IS RISEN

“so in Christ we, though many, form one body, and each member belongs to all the others.”

Romans 12:5



Bethel Baptist Church
Sandy Lane

A message from your Core Team @ Bethel Baptist Church

On the evening of that first day of the week, when the disciples were together, with the doors locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said "PEACE BE WITH YOU" John 20 v 19

It is our desire that you all might know the Peace only Jesus can bring to our lives. Let us draw closer to Jesus and each other as we seek to serve him and all those he brings us into contact with.

The Core team are looking forward to us all working together in harmony as we explore God`s plans for His Work at Bethel, this community and our circle of families & friends.

As our new ways of working are in an embryonic mode we understand that you might have queries as to how things might work, please do take the opportunity of speaking to any of the Team Leaders or deputies who will only be too willing to help.

Happy Easter to you all
Sandra, Geoff, Steve & Richard
Your Servant Leaders

Thankyou

To Gordon and Rhona who faithfully gave of their time, energy and gifts to serve us as Deacons for several years.

To our new Team Leaders and Deputies elected at the Church Meeting at the beginning of March.

To all who came along to the BBC Look North Sofa Push on 24th March and enjoyed the fun and community spirit at the evnt to celebrate 50 years of the local news programme and to raise funds for Sports Relief and to all who worked hard before, during and after the event to make it possible.

Offerings: Average weekly offerings are £425 - thank you for continuing to give the work of God's Family at Bethel and beyond.

God at Work in unexpected places

The 2018 YBA Assembly will take place on Saturday April 28th at Wakefield Baptist Church. The deadline for booking a place is Friday 20th April.

Would you like to go and represent Bethel? If so please talk a member of our Core Team. For more information see the website: <http://www.yba.org.uk>

Keswick Ministries Convention 2018: Serving God's Mission

Are you looking for an idea for a holiday this year with a focus on worship and new learning? If so, why not consider attending one or more weeks of the Keswick Convention which take place this year from July 14th to August 3rd.

Keswick Ministries: Bradford

May 12th to 15th May 2018 at Sunbridge Road Mission

The speaker is Mr Johnathan Lamb who is the minister-at-large for Keswick Ministries and a Vice President – International Fellowship of Evangelical Students, travelling widely in the UK and around the world in Bible teaching and training. Previously he was Director of Langham Preaching (working in some 50 countries to train pastors and preachers), an Associate General Secretary for IFES (part of the global team in ministry to universities), and the CEO of Keswick Ministries. He is also the author of several books.

Science says we need at least 4 basic elements to survive.

1 water

2 air

3 food

4 light

And look what the bible tells us about Jesus

1 I am the source of living water

2 I am the breath of life

3 I am the bread of life

4 I am the light of the world

Science is right !!!!, we need Jesus to live.

Sandra

Prayer Matters

***“And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the saints. “
Ephesians 6:18***

Bethel Family

Please come along and join with others in corporate prayer for our church family, friends and the wider community of Sandy Lane on:

Sunday mornings from 9.45 a.m.

Monday evenings between 7.00 and 8.30 p.m.

We will be continuing the leaflet distribution that began last year. Over 550 leaflets were distributed to the lower end of the village and this year we will be leafleting the top end of the village. Although we did not have many requests for prayer through the email address we are not making any changes to that part of the programme. We distribute the leaflets and 2 weeks later have an OPEN PRAYER MEETING - which people have been informed is taking place.

We need volunteers to:

- pray as we distribute the leaflets
- distribute the leaflets (*We try to keep the leaflets to be distributed at any time to 150/175 so with 4 teams the time needed can be as short as 45 minutes, but if only 2 turn up it can take between 2/3 hours as happened in September due to inclement weather.*)
- attend the prayer meeting 2 weeks after the leaflets have been given out. Can you help? The more the merrier.

For more information please see Sandra or Jim

Church Family

Please remember those members of our church family who are in need, especially:

- Sylvia and Brian
- Sue and Eric
- Wendy
- Beryl
- Margaret and Richard

Prayer is always available after the Sunday morning service - just come forward and ask.

If you don't feel confident coming forward to ask for prayer or feel that you need prayer support with you during the week please take one of the Care Bears from the front of the worship hall - they are covered in prayer and will bless you throughout the week. We now have a growing family of Bears who are all eager to go with you wherever you go. Please remember when you have finished with them to bring them back so that others can also be blessed in this way.

YBA

Please include the named church in your prayers on the date suggested.

April 1st EASTER DAY – WE CELEBRATE THAT CHRIST DIED AND HE IS RISEN.

8th Cowling Hill and supportive friends from South Craven Baptist Church
Dalton Baptist Church, Huddersfield

15th Darnall Road Baptist Church, Sheffield; Denholme Edge Shared
Church Dewsbury Baptist Church

22nd Doncaster Baptist Church; Dronfield Baptist Church, South Yorks

29th Ebenezer Baptist Church, Scarborough; Hope Whitby Missional Community

Dates For Your Diary and Your Prayers

Church meetings:

June 21st 7.30 pm

September 9th 1.00 pm

November 25th 1.00 pm

Prayer and Pastoral Team meeting: April 15th - after the morning service

Other Events

Church Meal:

Sunday 29th April - please add your names to the list on the noticeboard if you are able to join us at West Bradford Golf Club £12cper person - see Sandra for further details.

Tom and Alyson King and family will be visiting from 27th May to 14th June

Happy Birthday!

Wishing a very Happy Birthday to those who celebrate their birthdays:

In April:

- Jimmy Gibson on the 4th
- Glenys Sitch on the 4th

In May:

- Ruth Beardmore on the 20th

If you would like to join the Baptist Missionary Society (BMS) Birthday Scheme - you will receive a birthday card and an opportunity to give to the BMS - then please speak to Dorothy Gibson who would be delighted to add your name to the list.

Parish Council Meetings take place in the downstairs hall on the 2nd Monday of each month from 7.30 p.m. The Parish Council would like to hear your views and ideas about their work and the village in general, so please come along.

Sunday Morning Servers

Date	Welcomers	Speaker	Readings and Readers	Intercessory Prayer	Refreshments
April 1	Shirley	Dave Wilson	Ruth & Susan	Sandra	Louise
8	Shirley	Paul Severs	Genesis 11:31 - 12:9 Gordon & Louise	Sue	Shirley and Maureen
15*	Shirley	Keith Jones	Genesis 12: 10 - 20 Margaret & Philippa	Gordon	Steve and Angela
22	Shirley	Mark Jones	Genesis 13:1 - 18 Geoff & Alan	Alan	Christine
29	Shirley	Richard Mason	Genesis 14: 8 - 16 Dorothy & Sylvia	Geoff	Tom and Ruth
May 6		Alan	Genesis 14: 18 - 24 Sue & Sandra	Louise	Sylvia
13		Paul	Genesis 15: 1 - 21 Ruth & Susan	Cathie	Sandra
20*		Jenny Cousins	Genesis 16: 1 - 16 Gordon & Louise	Sandra	Elizabeth
27		Diane	Genesis 17: 1-8, 15 - 22 Margaret & Philppa	Sue	Louise

Note: * = Communion Services

Thankyou for giving your time and talents to serve God and our church family.

If you are not available to serve on the dates above please try to arrange for someone to take your place.

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 Richard Mason
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Weekly Events

Sunday	10:30 am	Morning worship
Monday	7.00 pm	Prayer Meeting
Tuesday	2:00 pm	Sandy Lane Ladies Group
Wednesday	6:30 pm	Brownies
	7:30 pm	Guides
Thursday	2:00 pm	Fellowship
Friday	7:30 pm	Network Games - <i>Day /Time varies – check with Joe</i>
Saturday	10:00 am	Coffee Morning

Sandy Lane Ladies Group

The topics for the next few weeks are as follows - please come along:

April 3rd - EASTER TUESDAY

10th - Card Bingo

17th - Church Event: Roger Carswell - " Every picture tells a story"
everybody welcome

24th - Mr Geoff Budd - Fares Please (Bus Conductor)